

Item #:	
Fiscal Impact:	\$72,500.00
Funding Source:	One-Time Funds
Account #:	10-4151-40743-76001-0000
Budget Opening Required:	No

ISSUE:

Purchase of replacement mower for Park Maintenance

SYNOPSIS:

Park Maintenance is replacing a large rotary mower. Competitive sealed bids were requested from vendors through newspaper ads. Two vendors responded. The winning bid is for a Toro 5900 from Turf Equipment for \$72,500.00.

BACKGROUND:

Park Maintenance Has two Toro 580D mowers used in the maintenance program. One is eighteen years old and the other is nine years old. A new machine was needed. Competitive sealed bids were requested from vendors through newspaper ads for a large (16 foot cut) rotary mower. Two vendors responded. Turf Equipment Company and Rocky Mountain Turf. Their bids are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Price</u>
Turf Equipment Company	Toro	\$73,500.00 less \$1,000.00 if City signs up for Corporate Program Membership.
Rocky Mountain Turf	Jacobsen	\$67,900.00

Both products were field tested and taken to the shop for a review by Fleet Maintenance. The Toro mower is the item of choice for the following reasons:

1. Items needing the most frequent attention are in view and easily accessible.
2. It has a central computer that stores repair codes when something goes wrong which reduces time troubleshooting.
3. It has 10 more horsepower. "Underpowered" was the most frequent complaint about the Jacobsen when calling around for references (Toro 99HP, Jacobsen 89HP), followed by "parts are very expensive."
4. It is a newer model of what is currently used. Staff is very familiar with it.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of a Toro 5900 Rotary mower from Turf Equipment Company for \$72,500.00

SUBMITTED BY:

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